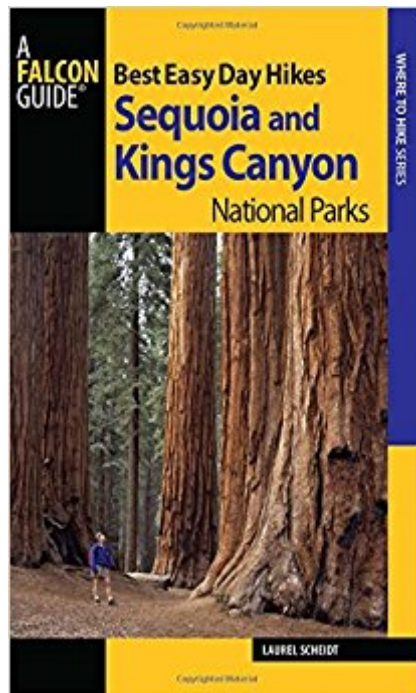




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Best Easy Day Hikes Sequoia And Kings Canyon National Parks (Best Easy Day Hikes Series)



Synopsis

This handy pocket guide provides maps and detailed descriptions of the best day hiking trails in California's popular Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks.

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Best Easy Day Hikes Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks includes detailed maps and concise descriptions for twenty easy-to-follow hikes in this popular California destination. Discover a hiker's paradise of trails to tranquil waterfalls, mountain vistas, glacial valleys, blooming wildflowers, and groves of giant sequoias. Look inside for: A 45-minute stroll to five-hour adventures Hikes for everyone, including families Mile-by-mile directions and clear trail maps Trail Finder for best hikes for waterfalls, giant sequoias, great views, or children GPS coordinates

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This is a good start for familiarizing with hiking options before you're there; a lot of the hikes are also advertised elsewhere and once you're there. The categorization into different types of hikes, i.e. 'waterfall', or 'kids', or 'views', etc., is very helpful in preparing, as well as length, indication of time it takes, and indications of climbing needed. Good to keep in mind that seasons do differ in options, but this book is not mapping that. Many roads will be closed in winter, while the longer hikes will

need to be done on either ski, snow boots, or are maybe better not done, for lack of trail indications. The shorter ones are still 'easy', although you will need to be prepared for hiking on ice or snow. We visited in November, many roads were closed, trails not accessible due to snow; beautiful, but limited. FYI: This being written in 2015, the entire Kings Canyon was not available due to the Rough Fire, and unclear when it will re-open. Recommend to get a good map with contours/elevations of the park, prior to going, to get a better feel for it, and the distances. Also not included, but recommended; Crystal Caves, which has a short, but beautiful trail down and up from the cave, which itself is very special. Especially recommended for families.

At first I thought it was such a small guide that there would not be much information. but it is actually a perfect guidebook to put in a backpack or pocket. I wish there were more maps or photos. I took a star off for the lack of map quality and lack of photos.

The book failed in the worst way - after reading a description of a hike I was unable to decide if I want to go. Descriptions are short and entirely devoid of details related to beauty, attractiveness or entertainment value. There are also no photos. Aside from the main problem, there are some purely technical issues. Trails' information does not include altitude profile (or altitude gain/loss data). One can sometimes figure out trail's quality by reading the description but this data isn't in the header either.

sort of useful but not as much as you'd think

A good quick reference.

Excellent guide

Ok hike descriptions; maps could be more clear and detailed.

I keep this in my car so when I have time to head out for a hike I have it with me

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